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officer to inform General Gates that he was approaching. General Gates at that time was mounted on horseback, with his family, reviewing the general situation, when General Burgoyne arrived with General Philips, Lord Petersham, General Reidheisal, and a number of others composing his suite;—with General Gates, Colonel Wilkinson, Colonel Troup, Major Armstrong, Major Pierce, Major Hughes, Colonel Lewis, D. Q. M. General, and a number of other officers. The general officers, if I recollect right, were at their posts. The salutations were familiar and polite; and the two suites, &c., retired to a large marquee that had been prepared for their reception. I do not recollect the circumstances about General Burgoyne presenting his sword in token of a surrender: this can be procured from General Gates. The army was, on that day, drawn up in two lines, colors flying,—the head of the lines beginning at Fish Creek, and so extending towards headquarters, under the command of General Glover; and, about eleven o'clock, the British began their march through them, with colors cased, which was not completed till late in the afternoon. On the entrance of the British front, the music beat “Yankee Doodle,” and so continued till the march was completed. The Americans behaved with admirable order, with shouldered arms; and not a single insult was given.

J. M. HUGHES,

*Then Aid-de-Camp to Major-General Gates.*

For Mr. TUBOUT.

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#### SPECIAL MEETING, FEB. 25.

The Society held a special meeting on Thursday evening, Feb. 25, at half-past seven o'clock, at the house of the President, No. 1, Pemberton Square.

A letter was communicated from Charles Stoddard,

Esq., executor of Dr. John Pierce, announcing the decease of Mrs. Pierce, and the fact of his having forwarded to the Society's library Dr. Pierce's Memoirs, in eighteen bound volumes.

On motion of Mr. WARREN, it was *Voted*, That the Memoirs be referred for examination to a Special Committee, consisting of three members. Messrs. Warren, Ellis, and Bowditch were appointed a Committee of Examination.

The President read a communication from George Adlard, Esq., of New York, entitled "Some Account of the Dudleys of Massachusetts, by George Adlard; in which Cotton Mather's more particular Account of Governor Thomas Dudley is brought to Light." After an interesting conversation, it was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Messrs. Willard, Deane, and the Librarian.

The Librarian presented a small volume, entitled "Ten Chapters in the Life of John Hancock, now first published since 1789; being a Collection of the Writings of 'Laco,' as published in the 'Massachusetts Centinel' in the months of February and March, 1789, with the addition of No. vii., which was omitted," — a gift to the Society by Waldo Higginson, Esq.

The President presented a pamphlet, written by President Madison, but not published, with the title, "Jonathan Bull and Mary Bull;" printed for presentation, by J. C. Maguire, Washington, 1856.

Mr. BRIGHAM exhibited a deed from John Quincy, of Braintree, to John Franklin, tallow-chandler, &c., &c., bearing date, Aug. 8, 1750, conveying a tract of land

at Shed's Neck. Mr. Quincy stated that the spot referred to in the deed was undoubtedly the same on which the "Sailors' Snug Harbor" now stands.

Mr. R. FROTHINGHAM, jun., read a spirited and patriotic original letter from William Ellery, dated Newport, March 27, 1775, from the papers of Judge Marchant.

Mr. Frothingham also, after remarking on the large amount of evidence there is in the handwriting of Governor Hutchinson to show how urgently he counselled additional restraints *adverse to* the rights of the people of Massachusetts, read a letter written by him soon after his arrival in London, dated London, July 23, 1774, of which the following is an extract: —

"I am not only *free from any share in the three Acts of Parliament* (Act altering the Government of Massachusetts, Act for the Administration of Justice, and the Boston Port Bill), but I am also willing to own, that they are so severe, that, if I had been upon the spot, I would have done what I could, at least, to have moderated them; and, as to the first of them, I have all the encouragement to hope and believe that my being here will be the means by which the town of Boston will be relieved from the distress the Act brings upon it, more speedily and effectually than otherwise it would have been. Lord Dartmouth has more than assured me, that he is of the same opinion, and that he should have been glad to have seen me here, if he had no other reason for it than that alone. I wish for the good opinion of my countrymen, if I could acquire it without disturbing the peace of my own mind."

Mr. ASPINWALL exhibited a valuable volume of original manuscripts belonging to his library, entitled

“Yong’s Voyage to Virginia and Maryland;” consisting of three parts, — 1. A letter to Sir Tobias Matthew. 2. A letter to Secretary Windebank. 3. A relation of the voyage, sent to the Secretary Windebank with the preceding. In introducing the volume to the notice of the Society, Mr. Aspinwall offered interesting remarks.

The President presented a pedigree of Saltonstall, — a gift to the Society from Leverett Saltonstall, Esq.

Mr. LIVERMORE offered for examination the original manuscript of Dr. Franklin’s “Articles of Belief, and Acts of Religion; in two parts. Philadelphia, Nov. 20, 1728.”

Mr. BOWDITCH exhibited a curious ancient volume, the titlepage of which is as follows: “The Tragedies, gathered by John Bochas, of all such princes as fell from their estates, through the mutability of fortune, since the creation of Adam untill this time. Translated in English by John Lidgate, Monke of Burye. Imprinted at London by John Wayland, at the signe of the Sun, Fleet Street, 1558.”

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#### MARCH MEETING.

The Society held their stated monthly meeting on Thursday, March 11, at noon, in the Dowse Library; the President, Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP, in the chair.

The Librarian announced donations from the American Philosophical Society; the Chicago Historical So-